

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12. (Canceled)

13. **(Currently Amended)** A hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor comprising:

a compressor element elastically supported in an enclosed container;

a cup-shaped stopper fixed to an inner upper part of said enclosed container, said cup-shaped stopper having a ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extending inwardly from an inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper;

a crankshaft associated with said compressor element, with an upper end portion of said crankshaft extending into said cup-shaped stopper, and being spaced from said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper with no structure existing between said upper end portion and said inner peripheral surface, such that said upper end portion of said crank shaft is ~~designed~~arranged to contact said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion and said inner peripheral surface upon oscillation of said compressor element; and

a motor element for driving said compressor element.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks each ~~have~~having a radius of curvature such that a center of the radius of curvature is positioned outside of said cup-shaped stopper.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said flanks are generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor

according to claim 15, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

21. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks being generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

23. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion.

27. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 26, wherein

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 26, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 29, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper comprises an innermost peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper.